

TO: More at Four Administrators, More at Four Program Contacts, More at Four Fiscal Contacts

FROM: Jamie Woodlief

DATE: May 18, 2009

SUBJECT: Current MAF Funding

As a result of the state's current revenue situation and subsequent memos from the State Budget Office regarding the use of state funds, numerous questions regarding More at Four (MAF) funding for the current fiscal year (2008-09) have been received by my office. After consultation with Philip Price, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Public Instruction, the Office of School Readiness is offering the following clarification regarding MAF funding.

Operating Funds:

These are the funds reimbursed on a monthly basis for pre-kindergarten services provided (MAF slots filled). Pre-kindergarten services should continue as usual for the duration of the fiscal year. Funds received for services provided are not required to revert to the state at the close of 2008-09 fiscal year.

Start-up funds:

Start-up funds are one-time restricted funds used to prepare a More at Four classroom and are available upon execution of the contract. These funds were encumbered in your 2008-09 contract with the expectation that they will be expended by the end of the fiscal year. Currently, the Department of Public Instruction has not put a "freeze" on these funds. However, start-up items must be received and paid prior to the final report due to our office no later than June 19, 2009. Any unspent start-up funds will revert to the state at the close of the current fiscal year.

If you should have any additional questions regarding either operating or start-up funds, please contact Susan Blackard at susan.blackard@ncmail.net.

Thank you,

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